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Rep. Boucher Hails Removal of Route 7 Highway Plan through Wilton



State Rep. Toni Boucher, R-143rd, Wilton, Norwalk, has voted to adopt a new state Plan of Conservation and Development, only after assuring that a controversial two-mile stretch of a proposed Route 7 superhighway in Wilton was removed.

The State House and Senate have given final legislative approval to a measure, HJR 146, A Resolution Adopting the State Plan of Conservation and Development, which formally adopts the plan as a guide to state and local agencies.

“I noted that the original version of this plan contained a line that stated the Route 7 highway connector would be extended from its current end at Grist Mill Road to the intersection of Routes 7 and 33 in Wilton,” said Rep. Boucher.

She added, “I called the Office of Policy and Management to explain that through great effort and countless public hearings the residents of our region had rejected this design plan and had instead agreed to a widening project to the existing Route 7 roadway. This proposal had been finally accepted by the state administration and Department of Transportation at that time.”

Rep. Boucher said, “To correct the state plan, I asked the Town of Wilton to send correspondence to reflect the earlier state decision on Route 7. After careful review of the evidence we provided, an amendment was proposed to the state’s five year plan to remove all references to an expanded Route 7 superhighway into the heart of Wilton.”

Rep. Boucher concluded, “As a community, we can be assured at least for the next four to five years that this highway will not destroy the community which we love.”

Rep. Boucher serves the 143rd Assembly District of Wilton and Norwalk in the state House of Representatives.